



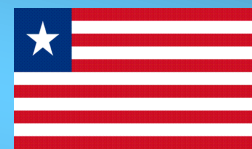
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IRC-MONROVIA

The Information Resource Center (IRC) offers information resources, organizes regular weekly events, and is the hub for co-ordinating outreach programs, especially the American Corner program. The IRC is open to the public Monday to Thursday from 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm; photo ID is required for entry.

IRC RELOCATES TO NEC

IRC-Monrovia has been relocated to the New Embassy Compound (NEC) located at 502 Benson Street, Mamba Point. In the NEC, the new IRC will continue to provide the usual services to its clients. After completing set-up, the new IRC will have a Computer Lab with 10 computers for internet and word processing used strictly for research; a Reading Room with more than 1,000 books and 50 magazine titles for readers of all ages; an Audio-visual Room with 42" TV with 70 DSTV channels, movies and documentaries; and will provide research assistance and education advising sessions.



The new U.S. Embassy office building

EDUCATION ADVISING

Education advising sessions will continue at the IRC on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.



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COMING UP IN FEBRUARY 2012

The New IRC Opens to the Public on February 6

IRC-Monrovia will open to the general public on February 6, 2012 at the New Embassy Compound (NEC) located at 502 Benson Street. The opening hours remain the same: Monday to Thursday from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. Please note that electronics such as cell phones, laptops, iPods, cameras, tape recorders are not permitted on the Embassy Compound. There are limited number of small lockers (cell phone size) available on first-come first-served basis at the Main Entrance, and visitors and their belongings are subject to search.

IRC Observes Black History Month

In observance of Black History Month, the IRC will host the following events under the theme: "Black Women in American Culture & History." This year's BHM theme honors black women and what they have done to help shape the United States.

Children's Hour: Thursday, February 16:
(4:30 - 6:00 pm, Multi Purpose Room - 1105)



The outgoing US Ambassador to Liberia, Linda Thomas-Greenfield will be the reader to about 30 Mamba Point community children. Parents/guardians are requested to register their children who wish to attend the program. Registration forms for the event will be available at both Embassy entrances on Benson and Gibson streets from 10:00 am that day.

Guest Speaker Series: Thursday, February 23:
(6:00 - 8:00 pm, Multi Purpose Room-1105)
Topic: Black Women in American Culture & History
Guest Speaker will be announced shortly.

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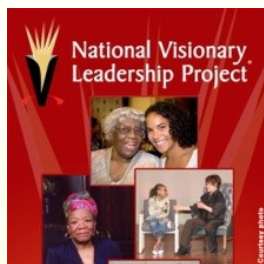
ARTICLES ALERT

Articles Alert is produced monthly by the Information Resource Center, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy Monrovia. It offers abstracts of current articles, mostly from U.S. publications and by U.S. authors, highlighting significant issues in major areas of international or U.S. domestic affairs. Views expressed in the articles are those of authors and do not necessarily reflect U.S. government policies.

U.S. SOCIETY

Visionaries: African Americans Tell Their Stories

(Source: <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov>)



For nearly a decade, the nonprofit National Visionary Leadership Project (NVLP) collected the oral histories of extraordinary African-American elders who helped shape America's culture and history. NVLP recorded interviews with more than 200 people, ranging from ordinary citizens to renowned artists, politicians and civil rights leaders. The

recordings are archived at the Library of Congress American Folklife Center, and clips from the interviews can be seen on the NVLP website. This photo gallery offers a selection of clips featuring Dorothy Height, Toni Morrison, Maya Angelou, Carmen de Lavallade, Odetta and Coretta Scott King.

Black History Month Honors Legacy of Struggle and Triumph

(Source: <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov>)



Each February, Black History Month honors the struggles and triumphs of millions of American citizens over the most devastating obstacles — slavery, prejudice, poverty — as well as their contributions to the nation's cultural and political life.

LITERATURE

Multicultural Literature in United States Today

(Source: <http://iipdigital.usembassy.gov>)



The United States is enriched culturally by immigrants from many nations. This edition of eJournal USA focuses on distinguished American writers from various ethnic backgrounds who add immeasurably to mutual understanding and appreciation through tales of their native lands and their experiences as Americans.

U.S. GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

Presidential Proclamations:

National African American History Month 2012

(Source: www.whitehouse.gov)

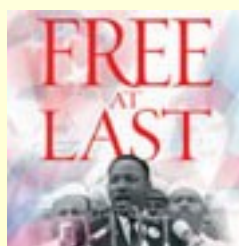


The story of African Americans is a story of resilience and perseverance. It traces a people who refused to accept the circumstances under which they arrived on these shores, and it chronicles the generations who fought for an America that truly reflects the ideals enshrined in our founding documents. It is the narrative of slaves who shepherded others along the

path to freedom and preachers who organized against the rules of Jim Crow, of young people who sat-in at lunch counters and ordinary men and women who took extraordinary risks to change our Nation for the better. During African American History Month, we celebrate the rich legacy of African Americans and honor the remarkable contributions they have made to perfecting our Union.

Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday 2012

(Source: www.whitehouse.gov)



On a hot summer day nearly half a century ago, an African American preacher with no official title or rank gave voice to our Nation's deepest aspirations, sharing his dream of an America that ensured the true equality of our people. From the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, the Reverend Dr.

Martin Luther King, Jr. inspired a movement that would push our country toward a more perfect Union.



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